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2003 Activities Report of the BLESS Agape Charity Department

Blessed Reverend Fathers and beloved brothers, friends of BLESS USA,

The peace, love, and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. I would like to congratulate you, my beloved, on the Holy Feast of the Resurrection. May the Lord fill your lives with all spiritual blessings and joy.

My beloved, I would also like to express my gratitude for the generosity and kindness of heart that you have shown towards your needy brothers and sisters in Egypt, the Brethren of the Lord.

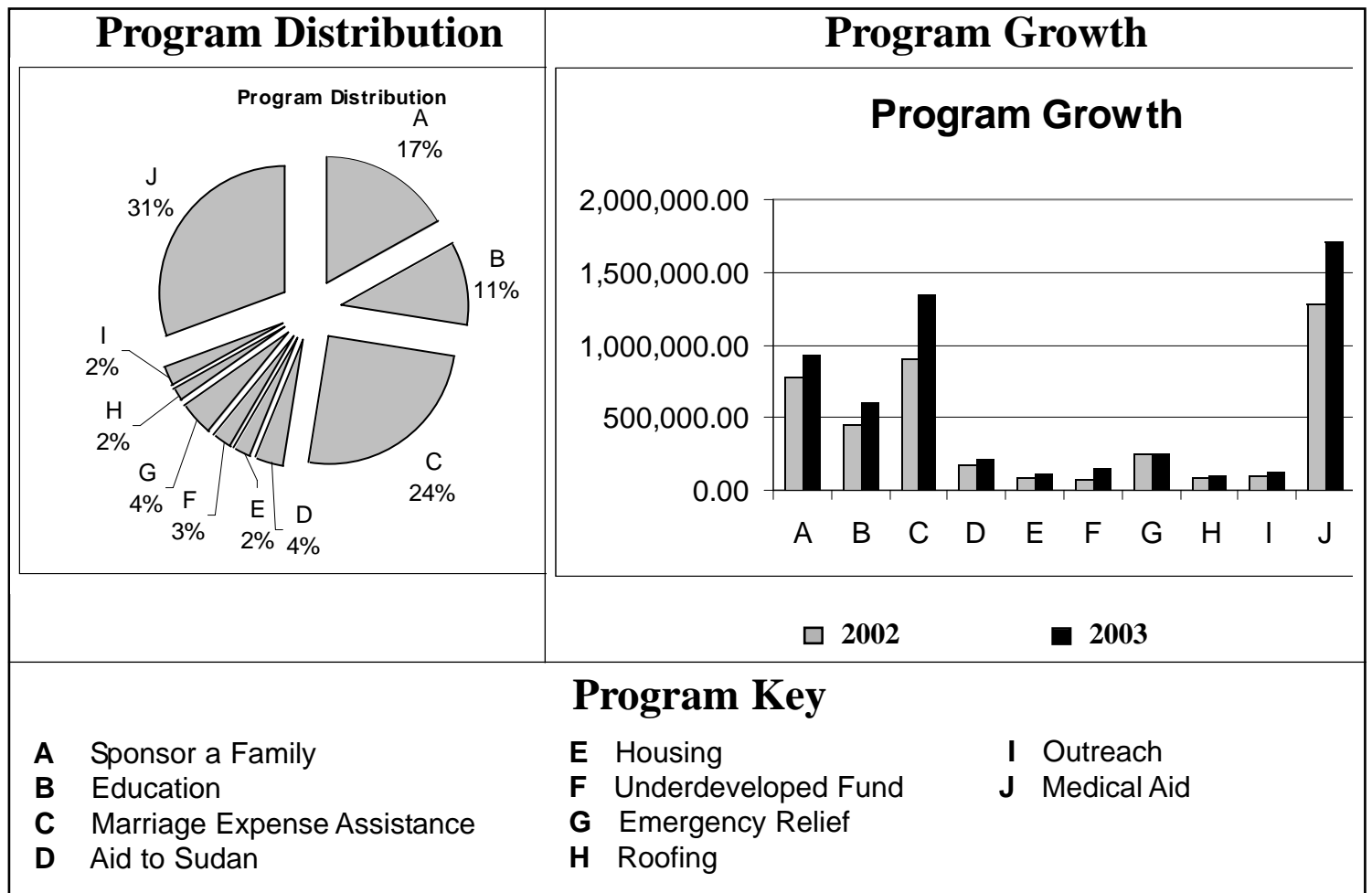
As a result of your profound love, we received 4,458,275 L.E. (\$755,000) from BLESS USA during this past year. An additional 1,091,381.95 L.E. was received from other contributions. Thus through the grace of God, the BLESS Agape Charity Department was able to distribute 5,549,656.95 L.E. as follows:

Program	Amount (Egyptian Pounds)	Number of Cases Helped	Program Description
Sponsor a Family	934,975 L.E.	1,270 families	Supports families living in extreme hardship with no steady income.
Education	608,628.60 L.E.	5,370 students	Assists students of all ages with fees, tuitions & monthly stipends.
Fees & Tuition	504,428.60 L.E.	4,806	
Monthly Stipend	104,200 L.E.	564	
Marriage Expense Assistance	1,346,955 L.E.	644 women	Assists young women with marriage-related expenses.
Aid to Sudan	212,580 L.E.	---	---
Housing	113,275.95 L.E.	51	Provides for the homeless, for those migrating from rural areas, and for people living in overcrowded housing.
Underdevelopment Fund	145,292 L.E.	113	Offers low income individuals with training and provisions to enable them to generate income for their families and become self-sufficient.
Emergency Assistance	248,181 L.E.	950	Extends relief for cases such as debts, late rent, supplying electricity & water, etc.
Roofing	94,660 L.E.	62 roofs	Built roofs for homes in the poverty-stricken villages of <i>Al-Radeesya in Aswan, Al-Aayasheya in Kouss, El-Rahmania in Deshna, El-Marashda in Nag Hamadi, Dier El-Naghamish in Balyana, Nag El-Kosairia in Gerga, El-Wastania in Sohag and El-Hawaweesh in Akhmeem.</i>
Outreach	130,000 L.E.	1,650 families	Seeks out the elderly and sick who are unable to go to church to ask for help. Includes spiritual services, medical assistance, home repairs, food, etc.
Medical Assistance	1,715,109.40 L.E.	3,126 cases	Provides for a variety of medical services:
1. Chronic Illness	642,245 L.E.	559	1. Chronic Illness
2. Medications	326,470.10 L.E.	2,024	2. Medications
3. Kidney Dialysis	198,179.50 L.E.	175	3. Kidney Dialysis
4. Hepatitis Treatment	217,934.30 L.E.	60	4. Hepatitis Treatment
5. Cancer Treatment	52,710.25 L.E.	65	5. Cancer Treatment
6. Blood Transfusions	2,492.50 L.E.	17	6. Blood Transfusions
7. Tests & X-rays	12,768.25 L.E.	54	7. Tests & X-rays
8. Prescription Eyeglasses	2,360 L.E.	35	8. Prescription Eyeglasses
9. Handicapped Assistance	19,490 L.E.	12	9. Assistance of the Handicapped
10. Orphans, Elderly and Psychiatric Care	11,995 L.E.	20	10. Orphans, Elderly and Psychiatric Care
11. Hemophilia Treatment	20,160 L.E.	11	11. Hemophilia Treatment
12. Surgeries & Related Fees (e.g. hospital expenses & medications)	208,304.50 L.E.	94	12. Surgeries and Related Fees (e.g. hospital expenses & medications)

* The Roofing Program takes place in certain slums and remote villages. Those, which had been served this year, include: *Al-Radeesya in Aswan, Al-Aayasheya in Kouss, El-Rahmania in Deshna, El-Marashda in Nag Hamadi, Dier El-Naghamish in Balyana, Nag El-Kosairia in Gerga, El-Wastania in Sohag and El-Hawaweesh in Akhmeem.*

The following chart explains the expansion of the service for the Brethren of the Lord in comparison to last year:

Project	2003		2002	
	Amount (Egyptian L.E.)	Number of Cases helped	Amount (Egyptian L.E.)	Number of Cases helped
❖ Sponsor a Family	934,975.00 L.E.	1,270/mo.	778,965.00 L.E.	1,095/mo.
❖ Education	608,628.60 L.E.	5,370	447,162.00 L.E.	3,399
❖ Marriage Expenses Assistance	1,346,955.00 L.E.	644	904,700.00 L.E.	402
❖ Aid to Sudan	212,580.00 L.E.	---	180,000.00 L.E.	---
❖ Housing, Underdevelopment & Emergency Funds	506,748.95 L.E.	1,114	420,089.70 L.E.	273
❖ Roofing for poverty-stricken areas	94,660.00 L.E.	62	84,000.00 L.E.	58
❖ Those Who Have No One	130,000.00 L.E.	1,650	106,000.00 L.E.	1,550
❖ Medical Assistance	1,715,109.00 L.E.	3,126	1,285,814.00 L.E.	2,422
Total Distributed By BLESS Agape	5,549,656.95 L.E.	---	4,206,731.00 L.E.	---



Once again, my beloved, I thank you for your great love & mercy toward your needy brothers and sisters- the Brethren of the Lord. May the Lord compensate you with the incorruptible instead of the corruptible, the heavenly instead of the earthly and the eternal instead of the temporal.

Bishop Youannes

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